

Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc.
Form 8-K
November 20, 2015

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **November 17, 2015**

Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-35512
(Commission File Number)

45-3691816
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

321 South Boston Avenue, Suite 1000
Tulsa, Oklahoma
(Address of principal executive offices)

74103
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(918) 947-8550**

Not Applicable.

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On November 17, 2015, Thomas C. Knudson, Chairman of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc. (the Company), expressed to the Board his intention not to stand for re-election at the Company's 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting), and to retire from his position as a Director of the Company on May 1, 2016. Mr. Knudson's decision was not the result of any disagreement with the Company relating to its operations, policies or practices. Concurrently with his determination to not stand for re-election, Mr. Knudson resigned from his position as Chairman of the Board effective immediately; however, Mr. Knudson will continue his role as Chairman of the Company's Nominating and Governance Committee. Following Mr. Knudson's resignation, the Board unanimously approved and appointed Mr. Bruce Stover as the Company's new Chairman of the Board.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: November 20, 2015

By:

/s/ Scott C. Weatherholt
Scott C. Weatherholt
Vice President - General Counsel & Corporate
Secretary